

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 22 (cancelled).

Claim 23 (currently amended): A one-piece flexible hair clip and comb combination for styling and holding all, or sections of hair comprising:

a) means for gathering the upper portion of hair in position and holding the hair in a desired position;

b) means for a combing action and holding larger amounts of hair in place, integrally connected to said means for gathering the upper portion of hair and holding the hair in a desired position;

c) wherein said means for a combing action and holding larger amounts of hair in place comprises a bottom lower portion with a plurality of planar teeth of spring-like material, said teeth extending parallel to the length of said means for gathering the upper portion of hair;

d) wherein said lower portion is at least as long as said upper portion; and

e) wherein said planar teeth of said lower portion extend laterally beyond the periphery of said upper portion; and

f) wherein said means for gathering the upper portion of hair in position and holding the hair in a desired position comprises a top upper portion of spring-like material that may be flexed between a stable convex open position and a stable concave closed position.

Claim 24 (cancelled)

Claim 25 (previously presented): The one-piece flexible hair clip and comb combination for styling and holding sections of hair in accordance with claim 23, wherein said spring-like material is spring steel.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The one-piece flexible hair clip and comb combination for styling and holding sections of hair in accordance with claim 23, further comprising a plurality of protuberances formed on a interior side of said upper portion, providing additional hold of gathered hair in closed position of said hair clip.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The one-piece flexible hair clip and comb combination for styling and holding sections of hair in accordance with claim 23, wherein said means for a combing action and holding larger amounts of hair in place is hingedly connected to said means for gathering the upper portion of hair and holding the hair in a desired position.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A one-piece flexible hair clip and comb combination for styling and holding sections of hair comprising:

- a) an upper portion of spring-like material that may be flexed between a stable convex open position and a stable concave closed position;

- b) a lower portion of spring-like material, with a plurality of planar teeth extending parallel to the length of said upper portion, facilitating a combing action and holding larger amounts of hair in place, said lower portion being integrally connected to said upper portion, said lower portion being at least as long as said upper portion, said lower portion extending laterally beyond the periphery of said upper portion;

- c) a plurality of planar teeth in said lower portion forming a comb;

- d) a plurality of protuberances formed on an interior side of said upper portion, providing additional hold of gathered hair in closed position of said hair clip.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A one-piece flexible hair clip and comb combination for styling and holding

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sections of hair in accordance with claim 28, wherein said lower portion is hingedly connected to said upper portion.